s. No.	Name & Designation S/Shri	Period of extension
19.	Dr. J.L. Srivastava. Medical Supdt., Safdarjung Hospital, Ministry of Health.	1.7.1996 to 30.6.1997
20.	A.K. Chowdhury, JL Textile Commnr. (Eco.) Ministry of Textiles.	1.5.1996 to 28.6.1996
21.	N. Sen Ray, Director General (Met.) Deptt. of Sc. & Technology.	1.1.1997 to 31.12.1997

Vetting of power projects by CEA

106. PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government intend to do away altogether with the vetting of power projects by the Central Electricity Authority;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the functions of CEA;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government are proposing for independent state specific regulatory institutions in the power sector; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The various functions of Central Electricity Authority under the Electricity (Supply) Act 1948 are given in the Statement *(See* below).

(d) and (e) The Government has undertaken detailed consultations with State Governments to discuss the modalities of setting up of independent state specific regulatory institutions and their role.

Statement

Projects of the CEA

The functions and duties of the CEA are laid down in section 3(1) of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948. The CEA is generally to exercise such functions and perform such duties under the Act and in such manner as the Central Government may prescribe under the rules framed under Section 4B(1) of Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 or by issue of written direction in matters of Policy involving public interest under Section 4A(1) of the said Act. Under Section 3(1) of the Act, the CEA is charged with the following functions:—

(i) develop a sound, adequate and uniform national power policy, formulate short-term and perspective plans for power development and coordinate the activities of the planning agencies in relation to the control and utilisation of national power resources;

(ii) act as arbitractors in matters a rising between the State Government or the Board and a licensee or other person as provided in the Act;

(iii) collect and record the data concerning generation, distribution and utilisation of power and carry out studies relating to cost efficiency, losses, benefits and such like matters;

(iv) make public from time to time information secured under the Act and to provide for the publication of reports and investigation;

(v) advise any State Government, Board, Generating Company or any other agency engaged in generation or supply of electricity on such matters as will enable such Government Board, Generating Company or agency to operate and maintain the power system under its ownership or control in an

improved manner and, where necessary, in coordination with any other agency owing or having the control of another power system;

(vi) promote and assist in the timely completion of schemes sanctioned under Chapter V of the Act;

(vii) make arrangements for advancing the skill of persons in the generation and supply of electricity;

(viii) carry out or make arrangements for any investigation for the purpose of generating or transmitting electricity; (ix) promote research in matters affecting the generation, transmission and supply of electricity;

(x) advise the Central Government or any matter on which its advice is sought or make recommendation to that Government on any matter if in the opinion of the Authority, the recommendation would help in improving the generation, distribution and utilisation of electricity; and

(xi) discharge such other functions as may be entrusted to it by or under any other law.

In addition to the above functions as laid down in sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the E(S) Act, 1948, the Central Government has added four more functions in the rules framed under Section 4B(1) vide GSR: 1662 dated the 23rd November, 1977. These additional functions are as follows:—

(a) co-ordination of research and development in the power engineering field;

(b) evaluation of the financial performance of the State Electricity Boards constituted under Section 5 and undertaking of studies concerning the economic and commercial aspects of the power industry as well as analysis of the tariff structure in the power industry;

(c) techno-economic appraisal of power projects;

(d) promotion of inter-state and joint sector power projects.

In addition to the above functions, provided under the Act, the CEA also provides consultancy services in the planning and design of hydro-electric and thermal power projects and power systems.

देश में विद्युत टैरिफ

107. श्री राम जेठमलानी: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 14 अक्तूबर, 1996 के ''दि इकोनोमिक टाइम्स'' में पावर टैरिफ इन इंडिया टेन टाइम्स दैन एबरोड'' शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि देश में विद्युत टैरिफ अन्य देशों की तुलना में बहुत अधिक है;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो नार्वे, स्वीडन, ब्राजील, दक्षिण अफ्रीका, चीन, जापान, फ्रांस, अमेरिका और ब्रिटेन में क्रमश: विद्युत टैरिफ की दरें क्या हैं, और

(घ) उपरोक्त देशों की तुलना में भारत में किस औसत राष्ट्रीय दर पर बिजली की बिक्री की जाती है?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गैर-पारम्परिक ऊर्जा स्त्रोत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा॰ एस॰ वेणुगोपालाचारी): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) से (घ) नार्वे, स्वीडन जापान, फ्रांस, यूएसए और यू॰के॰ में औद्योगिक और घरेलु उपभोक्ताओं पर, भारत में विद्यमान दरों की तुलना में लागू विद्युत टैरिफ की दरें विवरण में दी गई हैं (नीचे देखिए) उपरोक्त देशों में, यू॰के॰ और जापान को छोड़कर, औद्योगिक टैरिफ भारत से कम है। तथापि, उपरोक्त देशों में घरेलू उपभोक्ताओं हेतु दरें भारत में विद्यमान दरों से कहीं ज्यादा हैं।

विवरण

विभिन्न देशों में विद्युत दरें

पैसे/कि॰ वा॰घं॰

(4 अक्टूबर, 95 की स्थिति के अनुसार)

देश	औद्योगिक	घरेलु
नार्वे	118	256
स्वीडन	133	319
ब्राजील	उ॰न॰	उ॰न॰
साउथ अफ्रीका	उ॰न॰	उ॰न॰
चीन	उ॰न॰	उ॰न॰
जापान	561	796
फ्रांस	185	490
यू॰एस॰ए॰	155	271
यू॰के॰	228	406
भारत (1994-95)	221	91

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